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Remarks

Claims 1-12 and 24-32 remain in the application.

By telephone on February 8, 2005, the Examiner issued a Restriction requirement between:

- I. Sputter reactor of claims 1-12; and
- II. Sputter shields of claims 13-23.

Applicants elect the sputter reactor of claims 1-12. The non-elected claims are hereby canceled to be pursued in a divisional application. However, newly submitted dependent claim 24 retains a feature of the shields within the invention of the reactor, thereby allowing all inventors to be retained.

Several editorial amendments have been made to the description correcting editorial errors found in preparing the divisional.

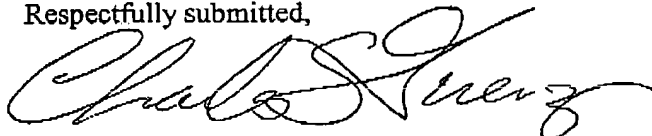
Claim 1 has been amended to correct an obvious drafting error.

Two newly submitted claim sets emphasize in claim 25 the coaxial electromagnetic coils of FIG. 8 or in claim 29 the use of electromagnetic coils to inhibit radial diffusion as discussed with reference to FIGS. 4, 5, and 6.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

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